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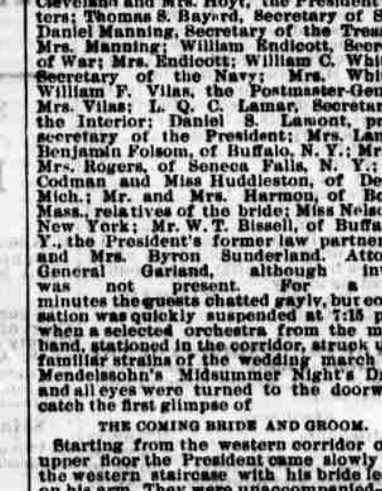
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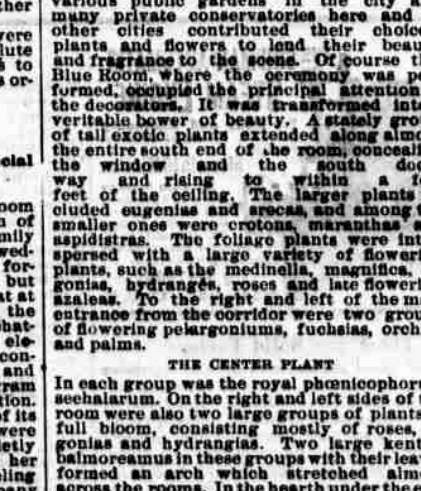
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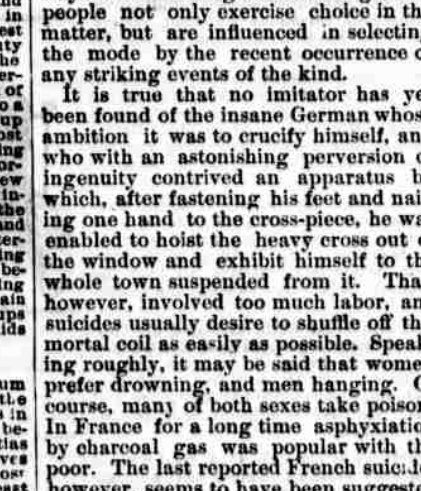
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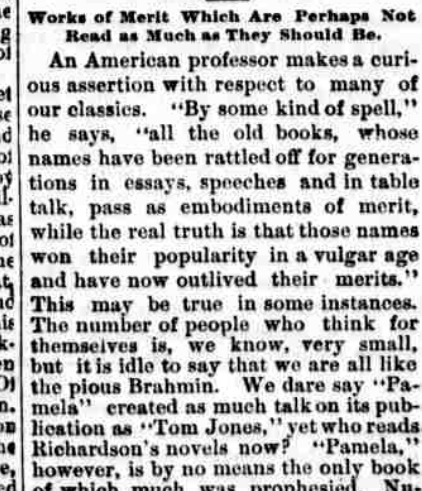
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MISCELLANEOUS.

—A two thousand dollar tree fern from New Zealand was recently a horticultural oddity in New York.

—The penicillone, an instrument that unites the tones of the violin, viola, cello and double bass in a recent invention of a Buffalo musician. —Buffalo Express.

A sand shark, of the harmless species, was killed at Santa Cruz, Cal., one day recently, that measured thirty feet in length and weighed four thousand pounds.

—A cad, Mr. Wedgwood, the etymologist, tells us, is not the remainder of a cadet, as the dictionaries say, nor a descendant of the Scotch cad, but means the devil, and is good old English.

Two or three acres of ground were displaced recently by a landslide at Vienna, Mo., and carried down a sharp descent some twenty-five or thirty rods. The ground displaced was from two to ten feet in thickness.

—The cowboy never prides himself on lassoing a steer by the horns. He always tries to hurl a rope so that the animal will step into it, thus entangling his legs and throwing him. In Wyoming exhibition a cowboy repeatedly caught a bull by any leg the spectators named. —Chicago Times.

—A goose owned by a citizen of Telfair County, Ga., is twenty-five years old, and up to three years ago laid eggs as regular as the day came around. Since then her laying propensities have failed her. Occasionally she will build a nest and set on it for three or four weeks and then come off as proudly as if she had raised a brood of goslings.

—A green dinner is one given to a girl who is to come out the next winter. The table is decorated with smilax and green leaves; all the names are inscribed on green ribbons, which extend from the center of the table, radiating to each guest, with the name of the person to whom it is addressed written in gold on the ribbon. —Chicago Mail.

—A writer in *Lend a Hand* makes the following computation: "One fly on the 20th of March is represented by 300 on the 24th of April; by 300 times 300, equaling 90,000, on the 28th of May; by 27,000,000 on the 3d of July; and 8,100,000,000 on the 8th of August." —Shook.

The pathetic side of far Western journalism comes from the Wallows (W. T.) *Chief* as follows: "For the first time in the *Chief's* existence its woodpile has got down to chips. Any subscriber who is long on wood and short on money can bring a load of the first-name article to this office. The wood should be dry and must be cut into two-foot lengths."

—The effect of horseshoes upon luck is said to be illustrated in the case of a man who has one of the shoes of Maud S. He is reported to have married the woman of his choice and to have been successful in minor ventures.

—The El Dorado (Kan.) *Independent* in its contentment for titles, gets on the following: "His most royal highness, Lord William Scully, has a case against the County Commissioners this term of court, suing for damages for a road running through his serene highness' estates in this county. Scully is the title potentate from England whom we mention as an unwelcome considerable land in this State."

—The New York elevated railroads, which employ some four thousand men, keep two surgeons in constant readiness to attend to injuries among the employees by accidents, which are liable to occur at any time. Among other functions discharged by the surgeons is the examination of employees for color blindness, sight and hearing. Those not considered in sound condition are given other and less important positions where these physical qualities are of less consequence. The medical attendance is without charge to the employees. —N. Y. Tribune.

—"Dutch Hiney," the king of the St. Louis newsboys, died the other day. Of late years he associated little with the boys, but drew a revenue from agents who worked for him. Some years ago he fell heir to a considerable sum of money, which, with his earnings, he immediately proceeded to invest in hacks and the concomitants. He would buy champagne with the best of the dudes, and stand up to the score longer. It took him but a short time to rid himself of his pecuniary incubus, and then, unfettered and free, he went back to his old ways, as happy and light-hearted as ever. His real name was William Henry Ortel. —St. Louis Globe.

QUOTED BOOKS.

Works of Merit Which Are Perhaps Not Read as Much as They Should Be.

An American professor makes a curious assertion with respect to many of our classics. "By some kind of spell," he says, "all the old books, whose names have been rattled off for generations in essays, speeches and in table talk, pass as embodiments of merit, while the real truth is that those names won their popularity in a vulgar way and have now outlived their merits."

This may be true in some instances. The number of people who think for themselves is, we know, very small, but it is idle to say that we are all like the pious Brahmin. We dare say "Pamela" created as much talk on its publication as "Tom Jones," yet who reads Richardson's novels now? "Pamela," however, is by no means the only book of which much was prophesied. Numerous instances will be familiar to our readers.

Many of our old books are, as Mr. Henry Morley says, "more quoted than read." Butler's "Analogy," Paley's "Evidences," Hooker's "Reveries," "Polemics," Hobbes' "Leviathan," Locke's "Essays on Civil Government"—these are books which, although well known, are by no means widely understood.

Charles Lamb, who thanked God that he had a catholic taste for reading, classed among the "books which are not books" the works of Hume, Gibbon, Robinson, Beattie, Soame Jenyns and the history of Josephus—a list to which many additions might be made.

Of those old authors whom we do read few are represented by more than one book. Take Deane, for example. What school boy has not read "Robinson Crusoe"? The "general reader," however, can scarcely be said to have more than a superficial knowledge of "The Journal of the Plague Year" or of "Colonel Jack," and very few are acquainted with the many political and historical works which Deane wrote.

Fielding is generally known by "Tom Jones," Swift by "Gulliver's Travels," Smollett's "History of England," Johnson by his Dictionary, Lamb by his Essays, and so on.—All the Year Round.

—Chickens are valuable outside the question of eggs and flesh. A full-grown hen will yield from two and one-half ounces to four and one-half ounces of feathers and down. The feathers serve for bonnet decorations, the ornamentation of military shakos, and for dusters. The averaged-sized feathers are employed for beds and bolsters, the down for pillows. But the latter classes are not held in as much esteem as the same from geese and ducks. When the feathers are plucked they are placed for a short time in a smoker's oven, after the brood has been withdrawn, to kill the insect germs before they are sent to market. —Chicago Herald.

AT DEER PARK.

The Presidential Party Arrives Safely and Will Possibly Remain a While.

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 3.—The President arrived at Deer Park at 4:30 a. m., standard time, this morning after an uneventful run of four and a half hours. He and Mrs. Cleveland went direct to Senator Davis' cottage. It is thought that the President and wife will remain a week.

SALUTING GRANT.

How the Union Commander Was Received by a Body of Longstreet's Men.

After we had secured the opening of a line over which to bring our supplies to the army I made a personal inspection to see the situation of the pickets of the two armies. As I have stated, Chattanooga creek comes down the center of the valley to within a mile or such a matter of the town of Chattanooga, then bears off westerly, then northwesterly, and enters the Tennessee river at the foot of Lookout mountain. This creek, from its mouth up to where it bears off west, lay between the two lines of pickets, and the guards of both armies drew their water from the creek.

When I came to the camp of the picket guard of our side I heard the call: "Turn out the guard for the commanding General." I replied: "Never mind the guard," and they were dismissed and went back to their tents. Just back of these, and about equally distant from the creek, were the guards of the Confederate pickets. The sentinel on their post called out in like manner: "Turn out the guard for the commanding General," and I believe added "General Grant." Their line in a moment front-faced to the north, facing me, and gave a salute, which I returned.

The most friendly relations seemed to exist between the pickets of the two armies. At one place there was a tree which had fallen across the stream, and was used by the soldiers of both armies in drawing water for their camps. General Longstreet's corps was stationed there at the time, and wore blue of a little different shade from our uniform. Seeing a soldier in blue on this log, I rode up to him, commenced conversing with him, and asked whose corps he belonged to. He was very polite, and, touching his hat to me, he said he belonged to General Longstreet's corps. I asked him a few questions—but not with a view of gaining any particular information—all of which he answered, and I rode off.—From the *Second Volume of General Grant's Memoirs*.

PECULIAR SUICIDES.

An Inane German Whose Ambition It Was to Conquer Himself.

One of the evils inseparable from the modern general diffusion of all sorts of news is the encouragement of criminal imitation. It was long noticed that peculiar crimes are apt to be copied, and that this is especially the case in regard to suicide. Most readers probably remember the story of the grove of trees which Napoleon caused to be burned, because it was found impossible to prevent the soldiers from hanging themselves in it. A similar story is told of a military sentry-box. It was found necessary to build a cage over the gallery at the top of the London monument, because it had become a favorite place for suicidal plunges. A similar reputation, reached for many years, was won by the bridge in London. In